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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN).

ENTERTAINMENT TAX.

July 14, 1971.

The Government has decided not to go ahead with the ~~entertainment~~ 7½% entertainment tax, the Premier and Treasurer, Mr. Dunstan, told State Parliament today.

Mr. Dunstan said the Government had reviewed the economic position of the State and examined what revenue measures were necessary for this year.

A study had also been made of the costs of collecting entertainment tax as against its prospective revenue.

The decision not to proceed with entertainment tax would mean that at the end of this month people who would have been required under the legislation to make a return would not now have to do so.

"Legislation will also be introduced at the earliest possible moment to repeal the provisions in relation to entertainment tax", the Premier added.

At the same time, revenue measures will be provided later this year which will take into account the prospective loss of revenue from this area.

Where people had raised prices charged to the public as a result of the tax it was expected they would revert to previous charges.

"If they do not do so then they may find that the Prices Commissioner takes an interest in the charges that they are imposing", Mr. Dunstan added.

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